

BOROUGH OF QUEENBOROUGH.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health FOR THE YEAR 1908.

To His Worship the Mayor and the Corporation of the Borough of Queenborough.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of Queenborough for the year 1908.

The population is 2,000. The Area (exclusive of water) is 297 Acres.

The Density of Population is about 7 an Acre.

The Number of Inhabited Houses is 380, with an average number of about six persons per house.

There were two Fatal Accidents during the year.

MORTALITY.

The total number of Deaths during the year was 29, and the Rate of Mortality in the Borough was 14.5 per thousand of population. There were four Deaths from Zymotic Disease, viz., Diphtheria, 3; Scarlet Fever, 1. Other Deaths were—Cancer, 2; Diarrhœa, 3; Pneumonia, 2; Enteric, 1; Heart Disease, 7; all other causes, 10. Total, 29.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were six Deaths under the age of one year, giving a rate of 157.9 per thousand Births registered.

The total number of Births was 38, giving a rate of 19 per thousand.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year there were 24 Notifications—Diphtheria, 15; Scarlet Fever, 7; Enteric, 2. There was an outbreak of Diphtheria in the early part of the year. The sanitary condition of the houses in which the disease occurred was found to be satisfactory. The School was closed, and block flooring lifted and disinfected, and water closets renewed. There has been no case in the town since.

I believe the Scarlet Fever cases were imported. I have made a thorough inspection of drains, &c., and find them very satisfactory. I believe the sanitary condition of the town to be very good; with a little improvement in a few places it would be perfect.

With regard to Infection we find the great trouble to contend with is the question of Isolation, and I consider if an arrangement could be made with the Rural District Council for a combined Isolation Hospital, it would more than repay the Council in combating the cases.

Workshops, Bakehouses, Slaughterhouses, and Factories have been inspected and found in a sanitary condition.

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